

# St. Charles County League of Chambers

August 20, 2009

The Honorable Steve Ehlmann  
St. Charles County Executive  
Executive Office Building  
100 North Third Street, Suite 318  
St. Charles, MO 63301

Dear County Executive Ehlmann:

On behalf of the St. Charles County League of Chambers, I would like to offer the League's support for the completion of Missouri Route 364, a regional road project in which MoDOT and St. Charles County are seeking to secure a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant.

The St. Charles County League of Chambers has a membership consisting of eight (8) different Chambers representing more than 2000 businesses and organizations in ten (10) St. Charles County communities.

Missouri Route 364, a highway project which has been planned and supported by local, regional, and state transportation authorities for 40 years, will complete a missing link in the region's transportation network and help to ease traffic congestion on I-70, I-64, and on Highway 94.

Once completed, this project will also:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions on Interstate 70, a transcontinental highway, and Interstate 64;
- Enhance mobility to and from economically distressed areas by improving transportation choices;
- Provide motorists with an alternative route during inspection and maintenance of the other Missouri River bridges;
- Enhance system operations when the deck on the Missouri River bridge on Interstate 70 is replaced (\$70 million, scheduled in 2012) and during the bridge replacement on Interstate 64 (planned);
- Provide a freeway connector from Interstate 270 to Interstate 64;
- Facilitate more efficient freight movement on Interstate 70;
- Provide better access for the region's employment pool to employment opportunities and retraining facilities; and
- Foster long term economic growth in underutilized properties

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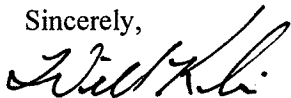
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Thank you for your continued ongoing initiatives to provide responsive, innovative and cost effective services to the citizens of St. Charles County, the greater St. Louis region, the State of Missouri, and the Nation.

Sincerely,



Will Klein  
2009-2010 President  
St. Charles County League of Chambers